

Jewish Center, but she will continue to play an active role in the synagogue, as she has done for the past 22 years.

Since moving to Bayside from the Bronx in 1977, Mimi Moskowitz has plowed her energy and her limitless talent into the fundraising efforts and entertainment programs of the Bayside Jewish Center. For many years, she co-chaired the synagogue's highly successful New Year's Eve Dinner Dances. These annual events were routinely sold out, and attracted party-goers throughout New York City and Long Island.

In addition, Mimi served the Bayside Sisterhood as Program Vice President and Ways and Means Vice President, prior to her tenure as Sisterhood President. She has coordinated numerous Shabbat Dinners, Holiday Hootenannies, This is Your Life tributes, and Purim Parties; has helped edit the synagogue newsletter, the Voice; and has produced countless promotional flyers. The hours of service she has spent volunteering in the synagogue office are too numerous to count.

Before arriving in Bayside, Mimi honed her talents in service to the B'nai B'rith of Co-op City, and the Sisterhood of the Castle Hill Jewish Community Center.

However, Mimi Moskowitz is perhaps best known for her inventive song parodies and poems, which have been the hit of many an enjoyable evening at Jewish Centers in Queens and the Bronx for more than four decades. Who can forget such classics as *Passover is Coming to Town*, *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Purim*, *I'm Dreaming of a Full Sukka*, or her seminal work, the full-length production of *South Passaic*? Indeed, Mimi is believed to be the only person ever to use the phrase *Bronx Press Review* in a rhyming lyric!

Mr. Speaker, Mimi's legions of friends will be flocking to the Bayside Jewish Center on June 7 to honor her for her tireless devotion, boundless energy and limitless service to her synagogue and her community. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in honoring Mimi Moskowitz, congratulating her on the occasion of her testimonial, and extending our best wishes to her for her future health and success.

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY: LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Art Lujan, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO for his leadership in the San Diego labor movement.

As the Business Manager of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, Art has worked many years at uniting the twenty-six diverse building trade unions in San Diego. As an officer of the Labor Council, he has brought that commitment to promoting a strong labor movement in the County.

Art successfully secured a Project Labor Agreement with the County Water Authority resulting in over \$700 million in construction

projects throughout the next eight years. As a result of these efforts, Art won a \$750,000 grant from the Workforce Partnership to establish a groundbreaking pre-apprenticeship program that will create new pathways for low-income San Diegans—particularly women and people of color—into skilled construction jobs that pay living wages.

My congratulations go to Art Lujan for these significant contributions. I can attest to Art's dedication and commitment and believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Leadership Award.

THANK YOU TERRY VANSUMEREN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt as to the value of the characteristics of dedication, loyalty and perseverance. These are traits that distinguish the ordinary from the extraordinary. Today, I rise to recognize Terry VanSumeren, an extraordinary individual who has served the Hampton Township community every day for the past 32 years.

Terry was born on September 19, 1937, to Lawrence and Mary VanSumeren. After growing up in the area where he would make a name for himself, he was hired by the Hampton Township Department of Public Works on June 5, 1967. This would begin one of the most impressive streaks ever by a local government employee. Since his date of hire, Terry VanSumeren has never taken a sick day—not one single day. Blessed with good health and an unmatched devotion to the residents of Hampton Township, Terry has been there every day for the people of his township. He has become a very well respected member of the community. Always looking to improve Hampton Township, he is an active member of the township board.

At a time when many people are skeptical about government, the excellent work done by Terry VanSumeren should instill a sense of confidence in the residents of Hampton Township. They have been extremely fortunate to have someone so hard working and devoted to attending to the needs of their community. Today, Terry retires as the Superintendent of the Hampton Township of Public Works, a position he has held for the past 15 years. There is no doubt that as he leaves this position, Terry has made the township a much stronger community. As he now enters into his retirement, Terry will have the opportunity to spend time in his workshop and, more importantly, to spend time with his charming wife, Margaret, his two daughters Kym and Keri, as well as his grandson Zane.

Mr. Speaker, dedication is defined as the act of being wholly committed to a particular course of thought or action. I know of no one who better exemplifies what it means to be dedicated than Terry VanSumeren. For the past 32 years, he has been wholly committed to the people of Hampton Township. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join with me to congratulate the outstanding accomplishments of Terry VanSumeren and to wish him continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS, PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS OF HOLLOW HILLS FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the parents, students, faculty and staff whose dedication to excellence has earned Hollow Hills Fundamental School, in my hometown of Simi Valley, CA, recognition as a national Blue Ribbon School.

Hollow Hills Fundamental School is a shining example of what can happen when parents, teachers and administrators collaborate on the best approaches for providing a quality education. The school's motto—Committed to Excellence—is not merely a slogan. It's a way of life that other campuses would be well served to follow. A combination of a structured, consistent learning environment with an emphasis on basic skills and traditional American values ensures intelligent, socially responsible students and future adults.

Mr. Speaker, the school will be honored at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Tuesday. It's a particularly fitting tribute to Hollow Hills. President Reagan once made this statement to a group of educators:

Our leaders must remember that education doesn't begin with some isolated bureaucrat in Washington. It doesn't even begin with state or local officials. Education begins in the home, where it is a parental right and responsibility.

That principle is fully integrated into Hollow Hills' lesson plans. The school was founded in 1982 in collaboration with parents. Every year, Hollow Hills parents, students and educators formally rededicate themselves to quality education through a "Commitment to Excellence" agreement. The school boasts a strong PTA and dedicated parents who volunteer their spare time to enhance their children's education.

In addition to stressing basic reading and math skills, the school also emphasizes art, music and technology, guaranteeing students a well-balanced education.

Hollow Hills also stresses attributes that unfortunately are missing in many schools today: personal responsibility, diligence, courtesy, respect to authority, punctuality and respect for the law. These ingredients are just as important to raising intelligence and socially responsible adults.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation works in concert to better our education system, it would serve us well to study the successes of our Blue Ribbon Schools. They are the best of the best and a key to our future. I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Hollow Hills Principal Leslie Frank, her entire staff, and the parents and students of Hollow Hills for raising the bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.